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Billy Bannister lives in a world without superheroes. Not because powers don't exist. But because everyone has them. After the outbreak of PRV, a virus that rips away those abilities, Quarantine emerges to stop the spread. An elite agent, Billy is the last line of defense against contagion. But his loyalty is tested when the infection hits too close to home.

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SEVEN BILLION PEOPLE WITH POWERS. ONE VIRUS TAKES THEM AWAY.

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QUARANTINE DB



Password

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LOADING

90%

PROGRESS



SWIPE



BILLY BANNISTER

ABILITY: Chronokinetic

ATTRIBUTES: Travels backward in time up to 37 seconds

GROUP: Outlier
CLASS: Unclassifiable
RANK: Wraith

MORE ▼



ELIZABETH WALLACE (SWITCH)

ABILITY: Modified Teleporter

ATTRIBUTES: Swaps places with persons in line of sight

GROUP: Spatial
CLASS: 8
RANK: Wraith

MORE ▼



CHARLES HYDE

ABILITY: Telekinetic

ATTRIBUTES: Manipulates objects with mind

GROUP: Kinetic
CLASS: 10+
RANK: Commander

MORE ▼



PAUL BANNISTER

ABILITY: Velociteric

ATTRIBUTES: Accelerates thrown objects

GROUP: Kinetic
CLASS: 6
YEAR: Senior

MORE ▼

SYSTEM FAILURE

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[CPA]pha.TerminalC2:~ sudo$ bash  
[bash-3.2$ n0di$ease  
we are not powerless  
[
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I KEEP COMING BACK TO SOMETHING MY MOM USED TO TELL ME. ONE DAY, BILLY, THE MEEK WILL INHERIT THE EARTH. AT SEVENTEEN, I THOUGHT IT WAS BULLSHIT. SO DID MY BROTHER PAUL, AND HE WAS ONLY EIGHT. NOBODY BELIEVED IN END TIMES EXCEPT THE PSYCHICS, WHO MADE UP STORIES TO GET MORE ATTENTION.

BUT THERE ARE SEVEN BILLION PEOPLE ON THIS PLANET NOW. SEVEN BILLION PEOPLE WHO CAN FLY, OR WALK THROUGH WALLS, OR READ MINDS, OR DO A THOUSAND OTHER THINGS. AND THIS VIRUS, IT TAKES THOSE ABILITIES AWAY. IT MAKES US WEAK.

IF THAT WERE THE END OF IT, MAYBE WE'D FIND A WAY TO COPE WITH OUR BRAVE NEW WORLD.

BUT NIGHTMARES NEVER END WHEN YOU WANT THEM TO. PEOPLE ARE DYING. THE VIRUS HAS MUTATED AND SOME OF THE INFECTED ARE REJECTING OUR EFFORTS TO HELP. WE SEE THE THREAT OF PRV, HOW FRAIL IT MAKES US, HOW POWERLESS...



WHY CAN'T
THEY?



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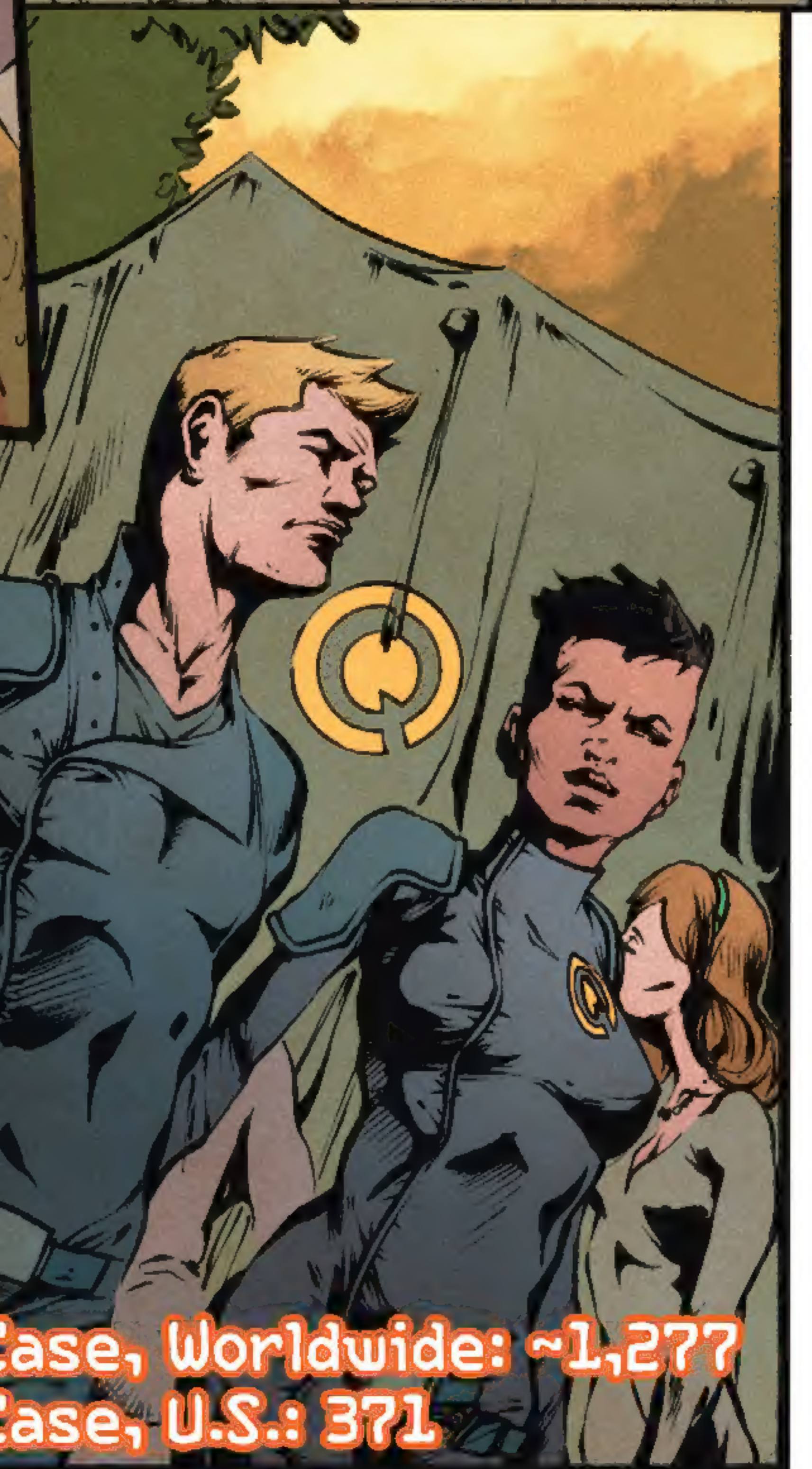
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**Quarantine Testing Station #13
Los Angeles**



**Days Since First PRV Case, Worldwide: ~1,277
Days Since First PRV Case, U.S.: 371**



LET ME SEE MY WIFE! WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE?

HOW LONG HAS SHE BEEN LIKE THIS?

SHE LOST CONTROL FIFTEEN MINUTES AGO. BEFORE THAT, IT WAS MAYBE A HALF HOUR OF CATCHING FIRE AND PUTTING HERSELF OUT.

DID YOU TEST HER?

SHE'S TOO HOT.

DON'T YOU HAVE DAMPERS ON?

THEY'RE NOT WORKING ON HER.



WHAT ABOUT A LOWER KELVAKINETIC?

I'M A CLASS 7...



...BUT I CAN'T GET CLOSE TO HER. SIR, DO YOU THINK SHE'S-

CLEAR THE AREA. HUNDRED FOOT PERIMETER, MINIMUM.



JOHN, YOU CAN'T-

WE DO WHAT WE HAVE TO, NATALIE.



SIR, WE NEED TO KNOW EXACTLY WHERE YOUR WIFE WAS THIS PAST WEEK. EVERY PLACE SHE VISITED, EVERY PERSON SHE CAME IN CONTACT WITH.

WHY? WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HER? TELL ME YOU CAN HELP MY WIFE!

WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO SAVE HER, BUT WE CAN'T DO THAT WITHOUT YOUR HELP.

SAVE HER? FROM WHAT?

QUARANTINE DOESN'T SAVE ANYONE.



37 seconds earlier...

WHY? WHAT'S
HAPPENING TO HER?
TELL ME YOU CAN
HELP MY WIFE!

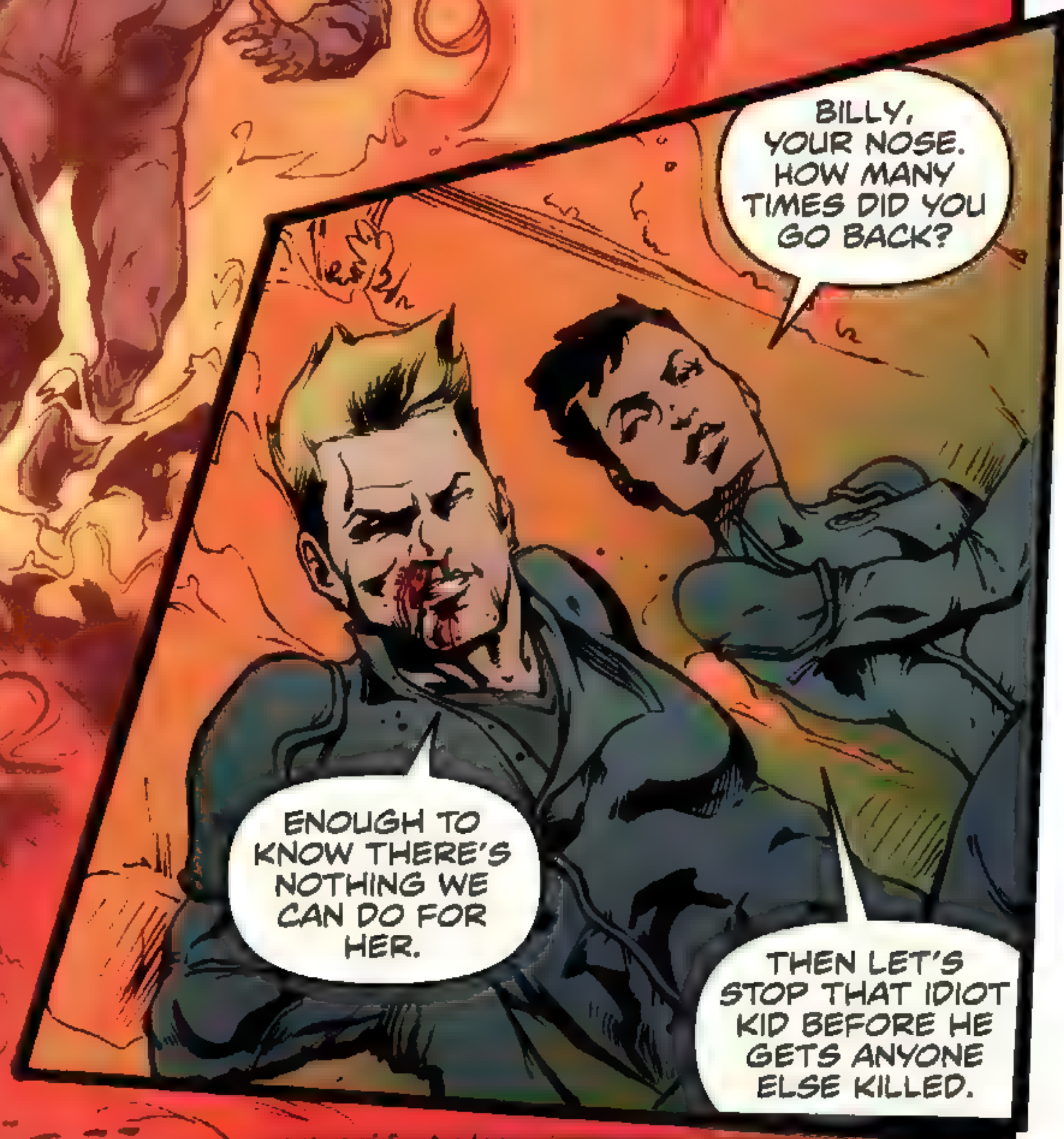
SWITCH,
GUNMAN, ONE
O'CLOCK.
3...2...1...

NOW!

POP



SHE'S
GOING
OMEGA!



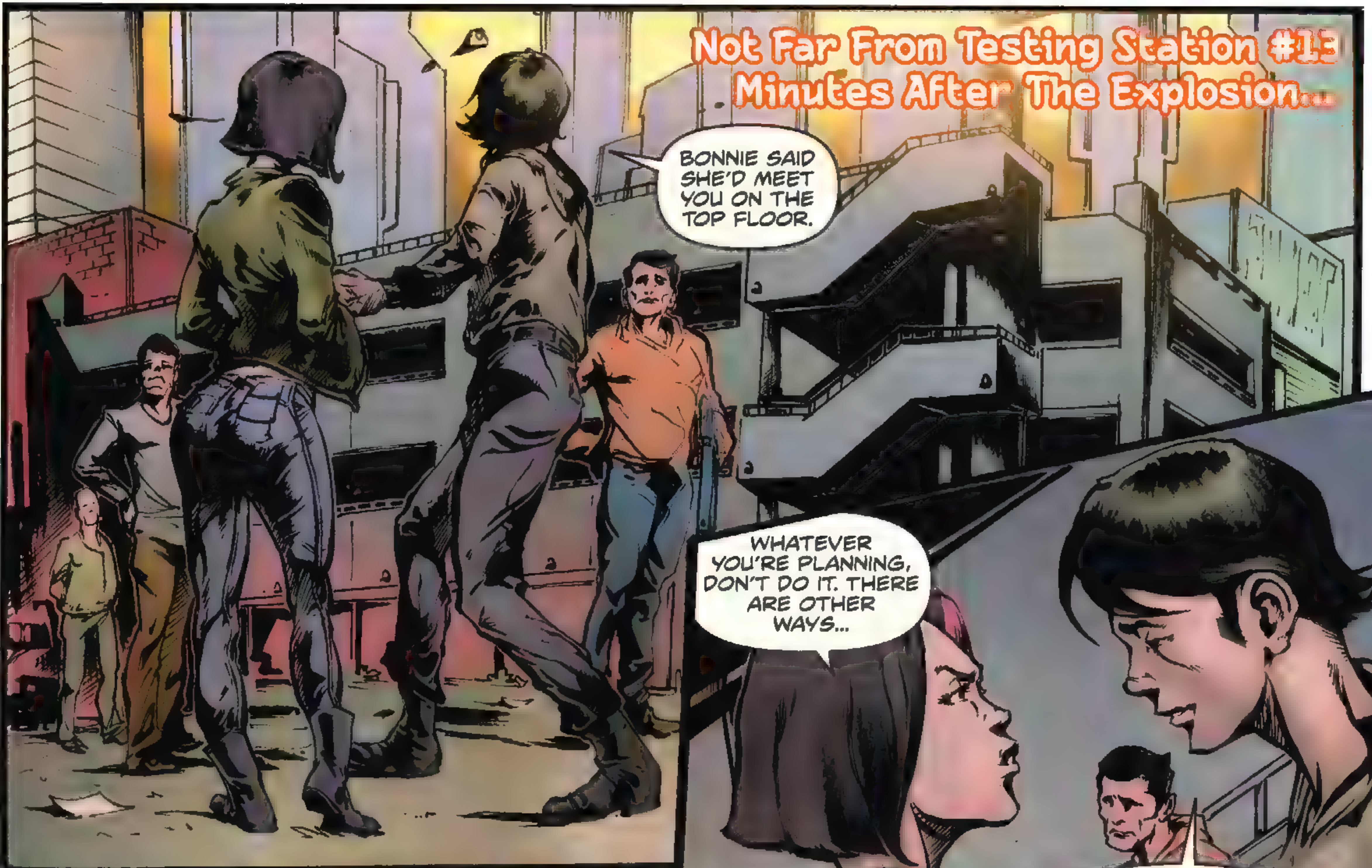
BILLY,
YOUR NOSE.
HOW MANY
TIMES DID YOU
GO BACK?

ENOUGH TO
KNOW THERE'S
NOTHING WE
CAN DO FOR
HER.

THEN LET'S
STOP THAT IDIOT
KID BEFORE HE
GETS ANYONE
ELSE KILLED.



**Not Far From Testing Station #13
Minutes After The Explosion...**



BONNIE SAID
SHE'D MEET
YOU ON THE
TOP FLOOR.

WHATEVER
YOU'RE PLANNING,
DON'T DO IT. THERE
ARE OTHER
WAYS...

NOT ANYMORE,
NAT. THESE PEOPLE
NEED TO KNOW THEY
CAN'T TREAT US
LIKE A VIRUS,
JUST BECAUSE
WE'RE SICK.



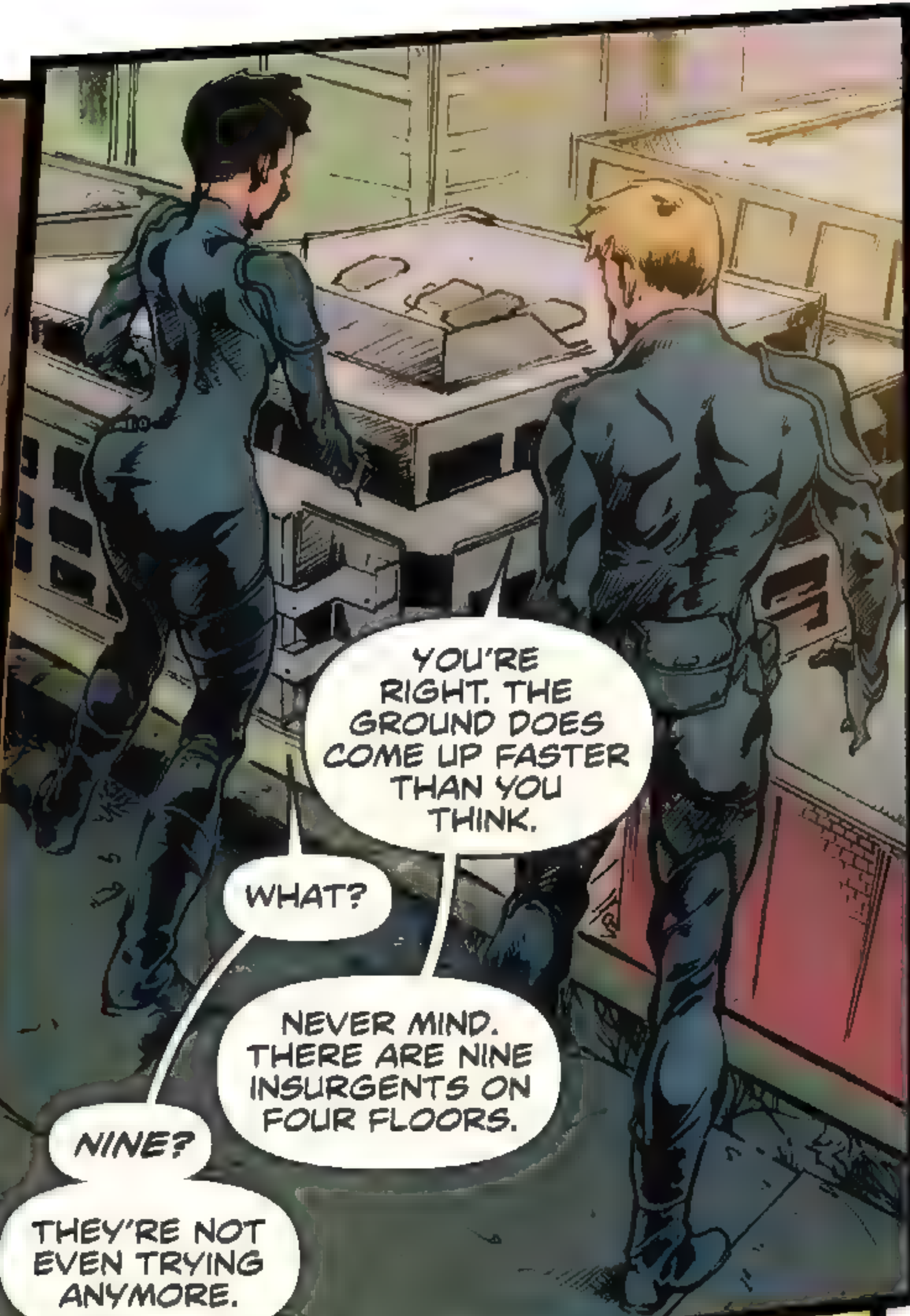
YOU GOT
EYES ON
THEM?

BE
RIGHT
BACK.

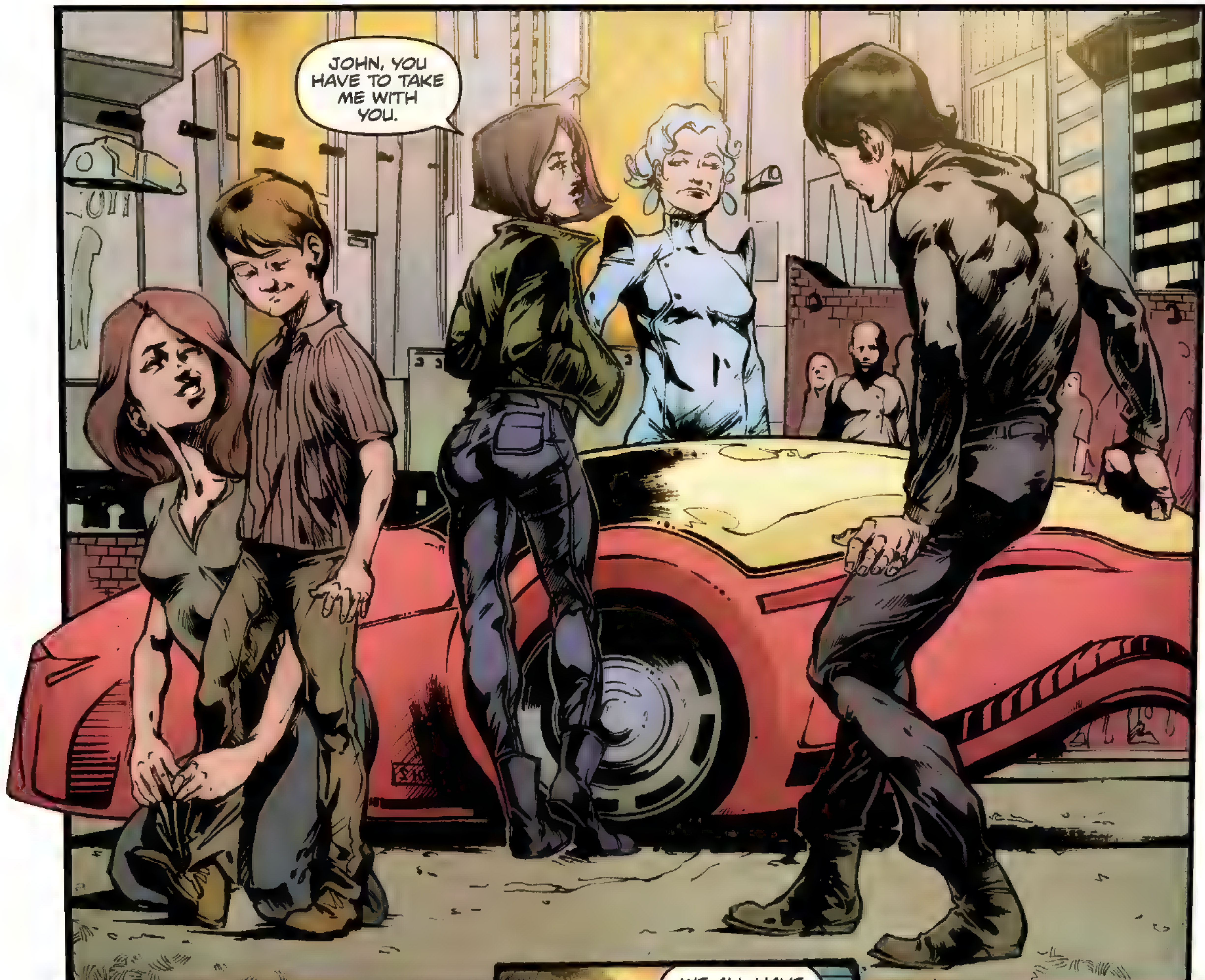
REMEMBER,
THE GROUND
COMES UP A
WHOLE LOT
FASTER THAN
YOU THINK!















GOOD TIMING,
COMMANDER.

MY
SON!

HE'S
GOT MY
SON!

COMMANDER,
I CAN SWAP
WITH HIM—

NO
NEED.

SOMEDAY
YOU'LL
LEARN...

YOU
AREN'T...

THE
HEROES...

TODAY IS NOT THAT DAY.

THANK YOU.

...EARLY REPORTS SUGGEST THE INCIDENT AT TESTING STATION #13 INVOLVED THE FIRST AMERICAN INFECTION OF THE OMEGA STRAIN, A MUTATION OF PRV THAT ENHANCES ABILITIES UNTIL IT KILLS THE HOST...

QTV NEWS

DOUG MCNICKLE

...QUARANTINE CONFIRMS THEY COULD HAVE PREVENTED ALL CASUALTIES IF THE INSURGENTS HADN'T USED THE DISTRACTION TO ATTACK AT THE SAME MOMENT...

...I SAW IT ALL. THE GUY HAD A BOMB. IF COMMANDER HYDE AND QUARANTINE HADN'T SHOWN UP, WE ALL WOULD'VE DIED...

KNOW: YOU
INFECTED?

STOP THE SPREAD

...RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF NEW INFECTIONS IN SURVIVORS. MANDATORY TESTING CONTINUES AND ALL PRIOR SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD REMAIN IN EFFECT...

...THANK GOD FOR QUARANTINE. THEY'RE THE REAL HEROES...

WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER, MAYBE THE PSYCHICS WILL HAVE GOTTEN IT RIGHT. MAYBE THE MEEK WILL INHERIT THE EARTH. BUT FOR NOW, I CHOOSE TO BELIEVE COMMANDER HYDE. AS LONG AS QUARANTINE EXISTS...

...TODAY IS NOT THAT DAY.

GREAT DAY TO BE HERE FOLKS. THE ROOSTERS SUPERSTAR PITCHER, PAUL BANNISTER IS ONE STRIKE AWAY FROM BACK TO BACK NO HITTERS. UNHEARD OF





STRIKE
THREE!
YOU'RE
OUT!

THAT WAS
AMAZING!

DON'T EVEN
THINK ABOUT IT,
BANNISTER!

SHOW
'EM A REAL
BULLET.

IF YOU
THINK THAT
WAS GOOD,
WAIT 'TIL YOU
SEE THIS.

STICK TO THOSE
BEATS, FOLKS. LOOK
LIKE BANNISTER IS
WINDING UP FOR A
LITTLE POST-GAME
TREAT.



THAT'S ANOTHER
WEEK'S DETENTION, BANNISTER.
YOU'LL PAY FOR THE DAMAGE
AND WE'LL BE DISCUSSING A
SUSPENSION TOMORROW
MORNING.

I HOPE IT
WAS WORTH
IT.

OH, IT
WAS.





THAT WAS YOUR BEST THROW YET. ALTHOUGH, NOW I KNOW WHY YOU KEEP GETTING Ds IN CHEMISTRY. HOW MANY CLASSES HAVE YOU SKIPPED TO PRACTICE?

WHY DO I NEED TO KNOW CHEMISTRY? THAT POST-GAME FASTBALL IS GONNA MAKE ME FAMOUS.

LOVE ROCKS!



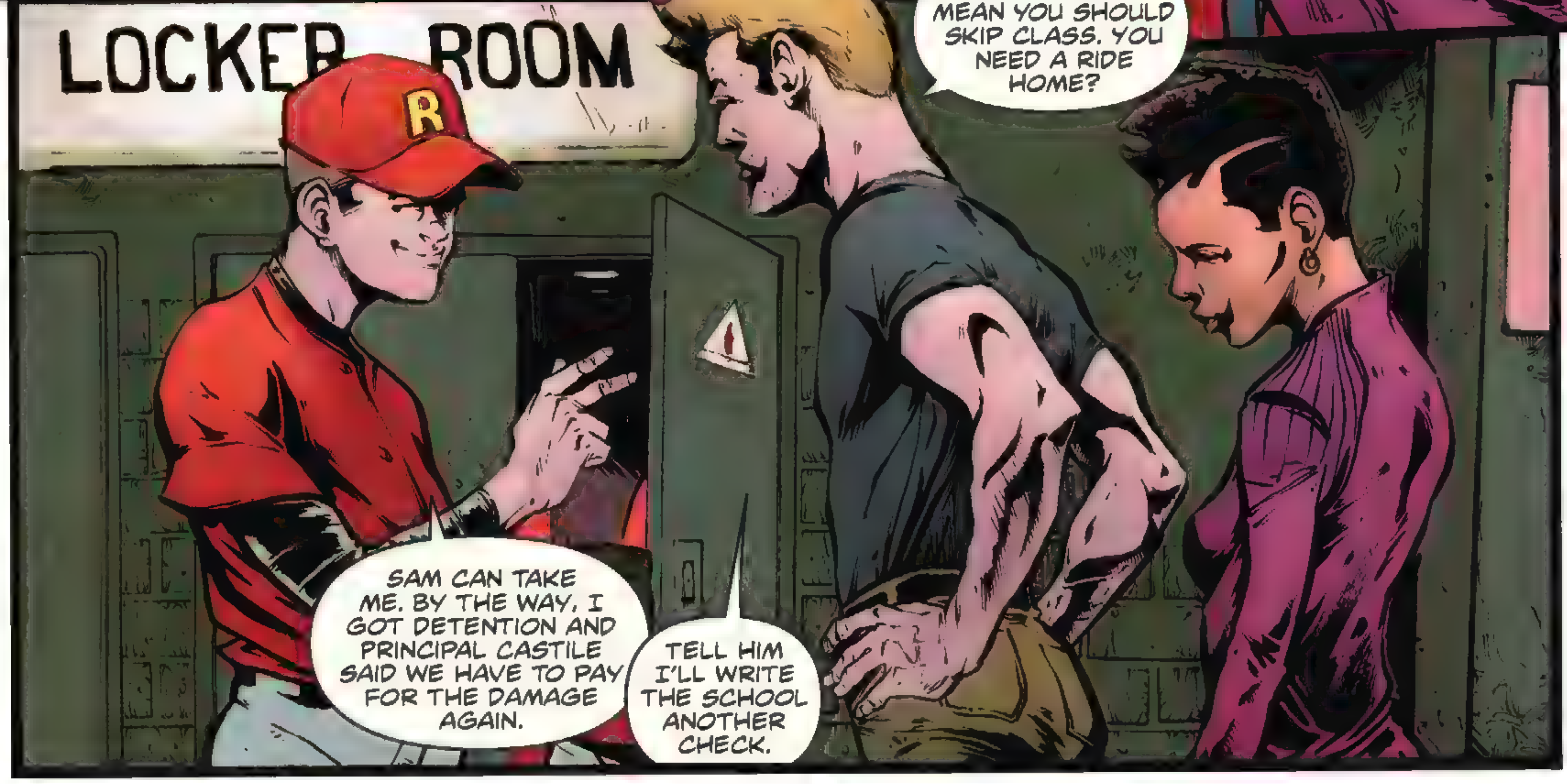
THAT FASTBALL IS GONNA MAKE ME FAMOUS.



HOW'S THAT SUPPOSED TO WORK? ABILITIES ARE BANNED IN ALL SPORTS.

MAYBE I'LL BE THE ONE TO GET THAT IDIOTIC RULE CHANGED.

STILL DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD SKIP CLASS. YOU NEED A RIDE HOME?



LOCKER ROOM

SAM CAN TAKE ME. BY THE WAY, I GOT DETENTION AND PRINCIPAL CASTILE SAID WE HAVE TO PAY FOR THE DAMAGE AGAIN.

TELL HIM I'LL WRITE THE SCHOOL ANOTHER CHECK.

Los Angeles Quarantine Headquarters

HAVE YOU CONFIRMED WHETHER IT WAS AN OMEGA?

WE'RE STILL RUNNING TESTS, ATTORNEY GENERAL HUGH. THERE WASN'T MUCH LEFT.

...NOT AT THE MOMENT.

IS THERE A WORKING ALTERNATIVE THEORY?

CHARLES, WE GAVE YOU THE REINS ON PRV AND LET OUT THE SLACK BECAUSE WE BELIEVED YOU WHEN YOU SAID YOU COULD CONTAIN THE THREAT—

IF THAT'S TRUE, YOU WOULD'VE SUPPLIED ME WITH MORE THAN A HANDFUL OF AGENTS.

THE PROBLEM IS NOT RESOURCES. IT'S EXECUTION. WE HAVE CONFIRMED CASES OF NEW INFECTION IN TWO MORE CITIES—

THREE. REPORTS CAME IN JUST MINUTES AGO.

THREE. WE'RE PUTTING IN PLACE QUARANTINE TEAMS IN EACH OF THEM. I HAD HOPED TO TELL THEM TO FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE.

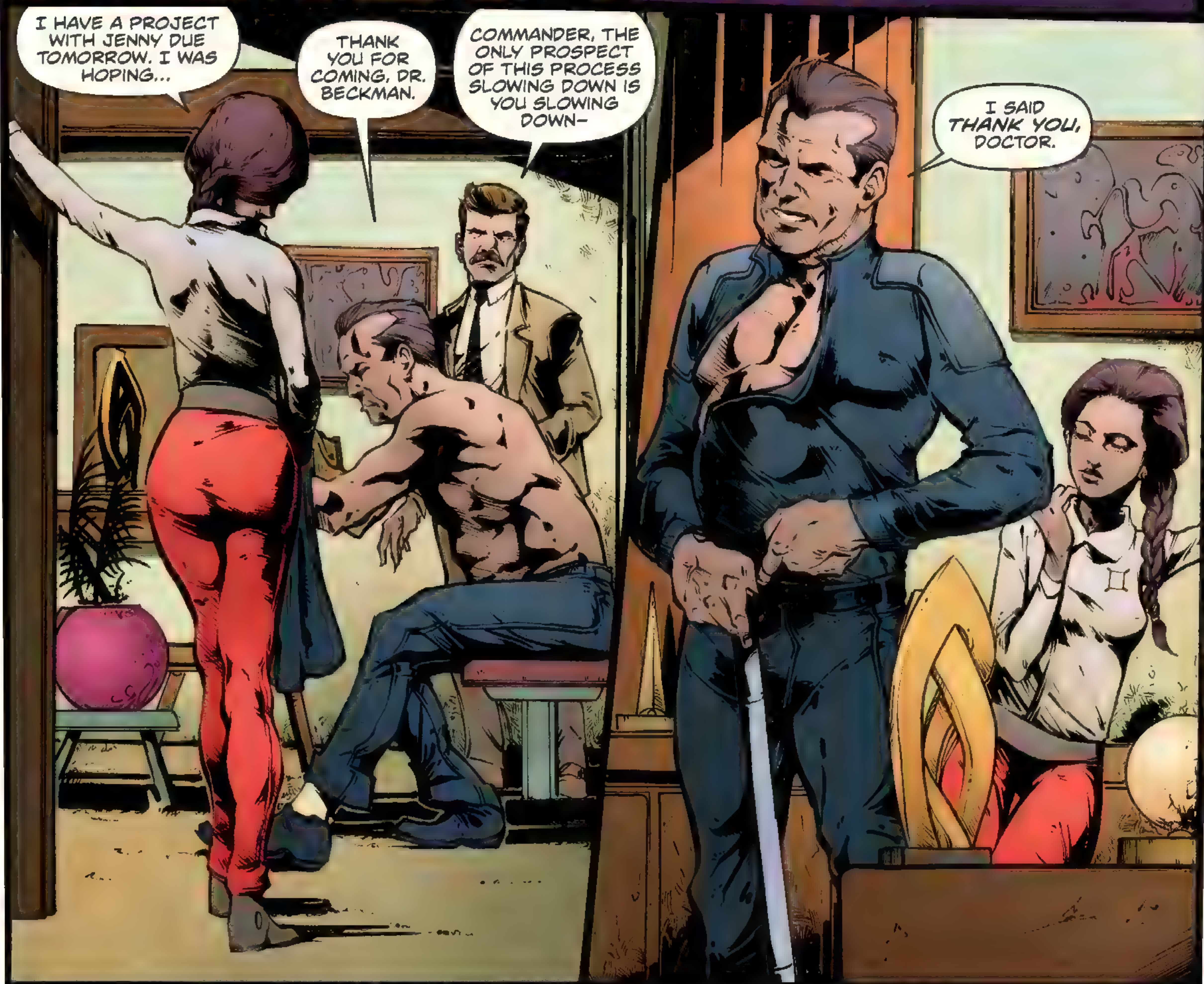
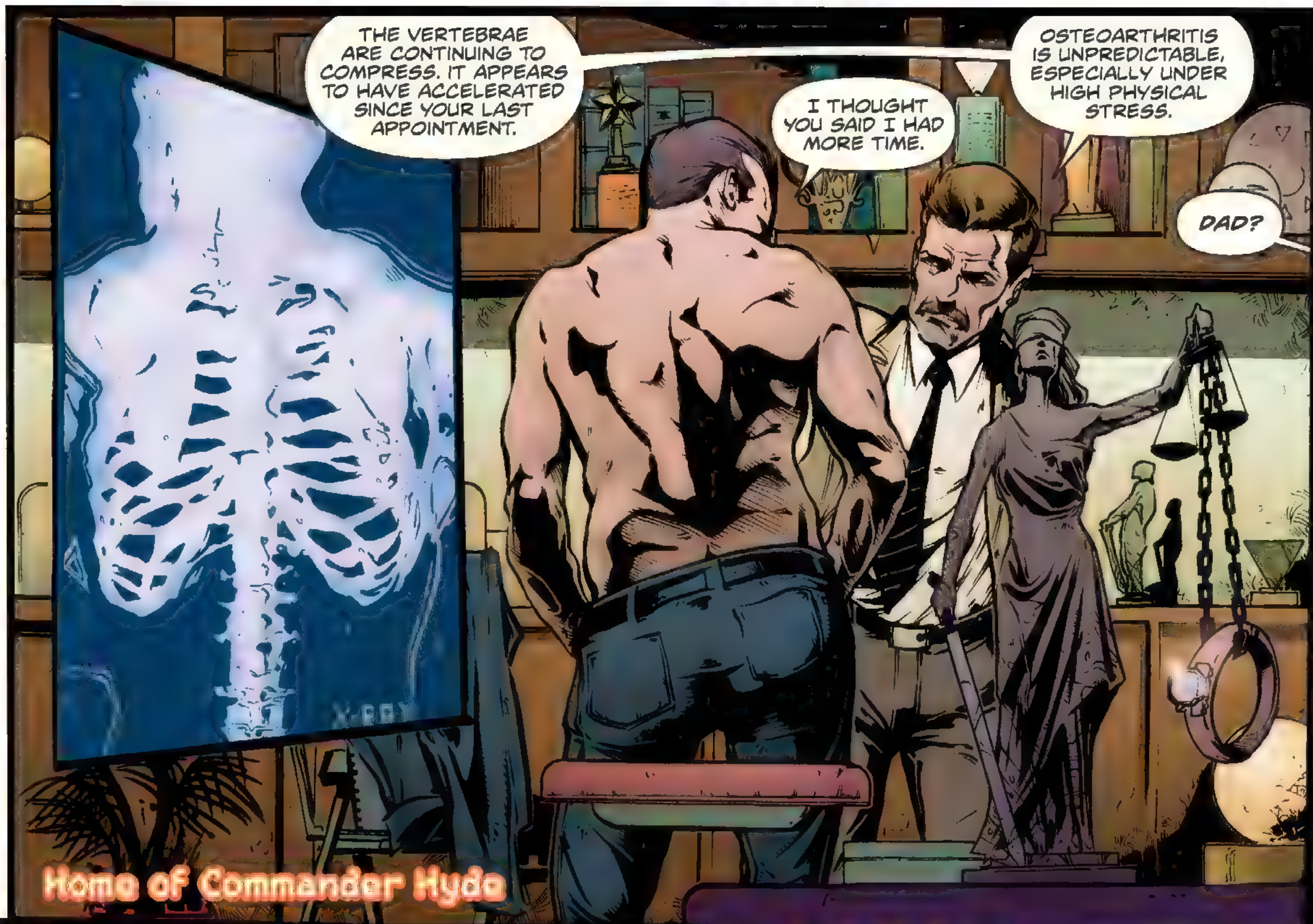
HAD YOU LISTENED TO ME WHEN PRV WAS STILL CONFINED TO AFRICA AND SOUTH AMERICA, WE WOULDN'T BE HAVING THIS CONVERSATION.

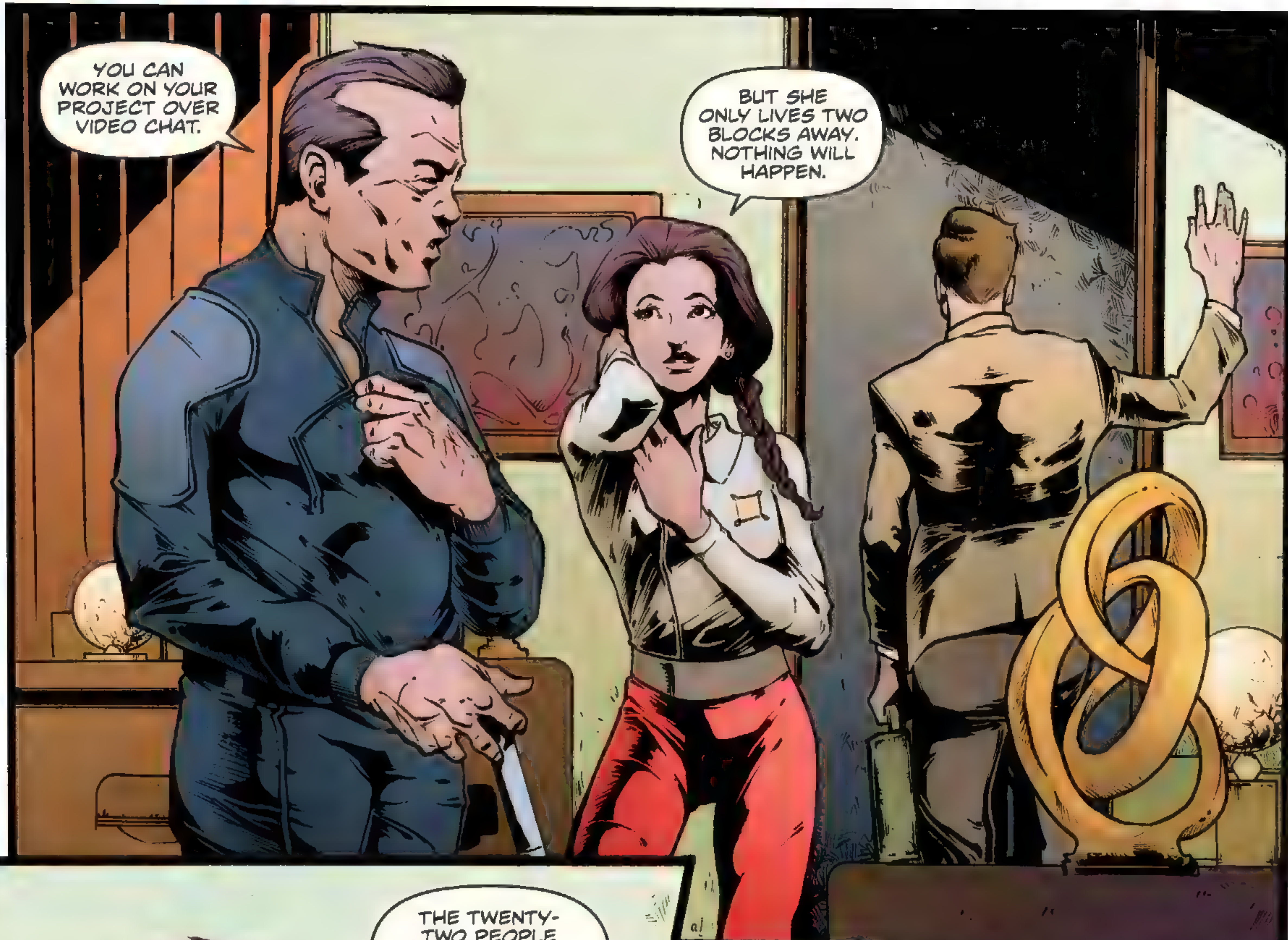
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK IT'S NOT THE VIRUS I SHOULD WORRY ABOUT, BUT YOUR... LIMITATIONS.

I WILL STOP THE SPREAD, INCLUDING ANY OTHER OMEGAS.

FOR BOTH OUR SALES, I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT.

I AM.

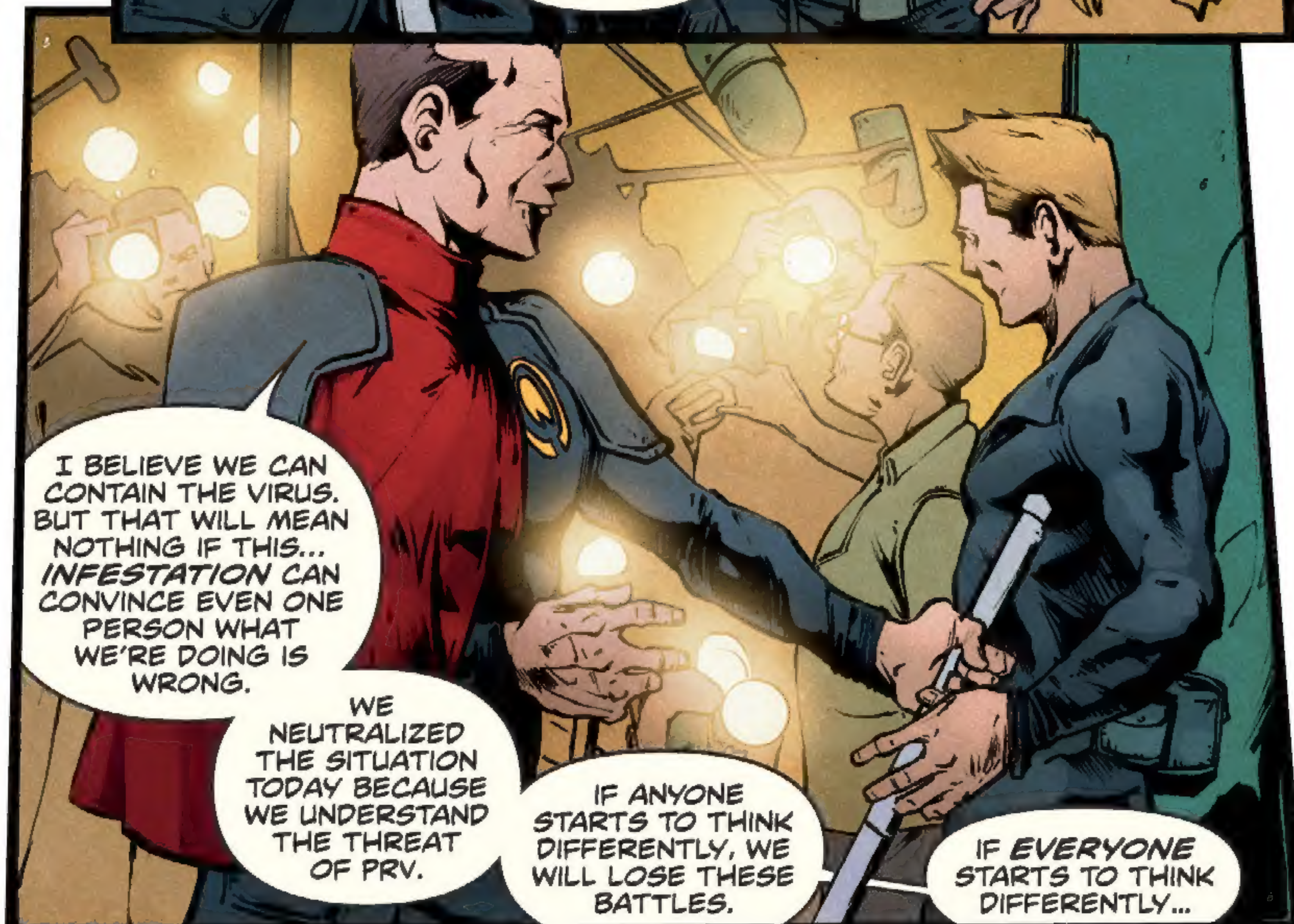








Paul...Had to go into work. This is the new PRV test. Do NOT make me wait a week like last time. Leftover Chinese in fridge.



"...WE WILL
LOSE THIS
WAR."



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**NEXT
ISSUE 2**

BILLY BANNISTER LIVES IN A WORLD WITHOUT SUPERHEROES. NOT BECAUSE POWERS DON'T EXIST, BUT BECAUSE EVERYONE HAS THEM. AS PRV SPREADS, RIPPING AWAY THOSE ABILITIES, QUARANTINE RATCHETS UP ITS PROPAGANDA WAR. SOON VIOLENCE ERUPTS. WITH HIS BROTHER CAUGHT IN THE INSURGENTS' NEXT PLOT, BILLY MAY RUN OUT OF THE ONE THING HE ALWAYS THOUGHT HE HAD ENOUGH OF...TIME.



SON OF ULTRON

"THIS FAN...
THIS MONSTER!"

